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Prohibition - Working of the Act - Report for April 1948 - Recorded

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PRESSM NOTE.

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The following report on the working of Prohibition during April 1948 in the 16 districts where it is now in force is published for infirmation.

I ENFORCEMENT.

Cases. The total number of cases detected during the month in all the 16 Prohibition districts was 5138 as against 5880 cases detected during the previous month. There was an increase in the number of cases only in the districts of Kurnool, Coimbatore and Malabar. There was a fall in the remaining 13 districts, the fall being very marked in the districts of Bellary, North Arcot Ví Guntur, Tanjore, Tiruchirapalli and Madura. The fall in Madura district was partly due to the lesser number of cases of drunkenness as a result of deterrent punishment awarded in such cases. The main reason for the fall in Tirichirapalli district was the closure of all liquor shops in the five mile belt area in Pudukkottai State from 1-4-1948 which helped to reduce the number of cases of drunkenness.

Of the total number of cases detected during the month, 2565 cases related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 2548 cases detected during the previous month. No organized attempt at smuggling of liquor or intoxicating drugs was reported from any of the districts. The total number of cases relating to intoxicating drugs decreased from 263 cases during the previous month to 175 cases during the month. ~~eases were~~

GENERAL. Though there was a drop in the total number of cases reported during the month, the standard of detection of illicit distillation crimes was kept up during the month except t in Bellary district. With the closure of liquor and drug shops in the ví five mile belt areas in Mysore and Pudukkottai States there was considerably less temptation for the ex-addicts in the adjoining dry areas of this Province to cro the border for drink.

II AMELIORATION.

SUBSTITUTES FOR DRINK. The Coffee and f tea stalls continued to be opened in the Districts. In Salem district the sweet toddy beverage scheme continued to work under the supervision of the Special Officer in two places. The Scheme has been discontinued from the middle of May.

RURAL RECREATION. 130 Rural Welfare Officers and Assistant Rural Welfare Officers were on duty during the month. They visited 1792 villages, conducted rural games in 1328 villages and arranged 58 tournaments.

BHAJANAS, HARIKATHAS ETC. Bhajanas, Harikathas, and Kalakshepams were held in 1176 villages during the month. Folk dances, dramas or cinemas were held in 496 villages at t instance of the ameliorative staff. In many districts reading of holy books like Ramayana, Mahabharatha and Bhagavatha was arranged. It was reported that in Salem district, most of the cinema theatres were admitting 10 ex-addicts free of charge.

BALLAD SINGERS. The 57 ballad singers who were reported to be on duty during the month visited 602 villages, organised com unity singing in 297 villages and trained 2262 villagers in community singing.

GRAMA SANGAMA. 455 Grama Sangams were organised during the month. Out of the Gramasangams formed till the end of th

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the month 5639 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to do good work in the direction of rural water supply, sanitation, medical aid, communications education and rural amusement.

Rural uplift Schools. In the Malabar district the second rural uplift school was opened at Tellicherry on 19-4-1948 by the Collector of Malabar.

THRIFT. A total sum of Rs.13,653 was saved in hundi boxes during the mo th bringing the total amount saved up to the end of April to Rs.2,13,250

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-TAPPERS.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES SOCIETIES. Three basket manufacturi Societies were organized in Salem district and a basket makers' Society was organized in Cuddapah district during the month. A co-operative Society was formed for basket and rope-making in Anantapur district. In Tanjore District a mat weavers society was registered and 2 societies were organized.

MILK SUPPLY SOCIETIES. During the month 3 Milk Supply Societies were registered in Tanjore district. One society was started and two societies were pending registration in Guntur district. Two societies were organised in Cuddapah district.

LAND COLONISATION SOCIETIES. The Land Colonisation Society at Ahobilam in Kurnool district was functioning successfully. The Land Colonisation Scheme in Malabar district did not find favour with many ex-tappers who were unwilling to settle on land in Wynaad.

JAGGERY MANUFACTURING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES. 30 Societies were registered during the month bringing the total number registered till the end of the month to 442 with a membership of 31725. 30195 tapping licences were issued and 677901 maunds of jaggery worth Rs.2238240 were produced till the end of the month.

GENERAL There has been a general improvement in the social and economic condition of the ex-addicts.

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